



January 6, 2012

Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS Released for Public Review and Comment



On December 20, SCAG officially kicked off the formal 55-day public review and comment period for the 2012-2035 Draft Regional Transportation Plan/Sustainable Communities Strategy (RTP/SCS). This historic draft plan seeks an investment of over \$500 billion over the next 23 years which will reshape the region's transportation network and improve health and quality of life in Southern California. The 2012-2035 Draft RTP/SCS document and technical appendices can be viewed on SCAG's interactive website at www.scagrtp.net. The

website provides a direct commenting feature, where viewers are able to comment within each section of the document, as well as a convenient way to upload attachments.

There are several additional ways for the public to comment on the Draft Plan: By email at rtp@scag.ca.gov, through conventional mail as noted below, or by testifying at an upcoming workshop/public hearing. SCAG has organized a series of workshops on the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS for local elected officials in each county, which began on January 6, 2012. The workshops are open to the public and will include time to hear public testimony. A slate of public hearings will also provide additional opportunities to weigh in on the draft plan. The dates and locations for the workshops and public hearings are posted below and on SCAG's website: www.scag.ca.gov/rtp2012

RTP/SCS Workshops and Public Hearings

Ventura County

Workshop: January 6, 2012 / 9:00 a.m.

Camarillo Council Chambers
601 Carmen Drive, Camarillo, CA 93010

Workshop: January 19, 2012 / 12:00 p.m.

Public Hearing following workshop / 2:00 p.m.

Camarillo Library
4101 Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93010

Los Angeles County

Workshop*: January 17, 2012 / 3:00 p.m.

Carson Community Center
3 Civic Plaza Drive, Carson, CA 90745

Workshop: February 2, 2012 / 1:00 p.m.

Public Hearing* following workshop / 3:00 p.m.

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
818 W. 7th Street, 12th Floor, Los Angeles, CA 90017

*Videoconferencing for the Los Angeles workshop and public hearing will be available at SCAG's regional offices in Imperial, Orange, Riverside, San Bernardino and Ventura counties, and at the videoconferencing sites in CVAG, Palmdale, and Hesperia.

San Bernardino

Workshop*: January 18, 2012 / 1:00 p.m.

Public Hearing following workshop / 3:00 p.m.

San Bernardino Associated Governments (SANBAG)

Santa Fe Depot, Super Chief Room

1170 W. 3rd Street, 2nd Floor, San Bernardino, CA 92410

*Workshop immediately following the 12:00 p.m. SANBAG Plans & Programs Policy Committee meeting

Workshop: January 20, 2012 / 10:00 a.m.

Development Services Building

Apple Valley Conference Center

14975 Dale Evans Parkway, Apple Valley, CA 92307

*Workshop immediately following the 9:00 a.m. SANBAG Mountain/Desert Committee meeting

Riverside County

Workshop: January 23, 2012 / 10:00 a.m.

Public Hearing following workshop / 1:00 p.m.

County of Riverside Administrative Center

4080 Lemon Street, 1st Floor (Board Chambers)

Riverside, CA 92501

Workshop: January 24, 2012 / 1:00 p.m.

Coachella Valley Association of Governments

73-710 Fred Waring Drive, Room 119, (Executive Committee Board Room)

Palm Desert, CA 92260

Imperial County

Public Hearing: January 25, 2012 / 2:00 p.m.

Workshop following public hearing / 4:00 p.m.

County of Imperial Administrative Center

940 Main Street, El Centro, CA 92243

Workshop*: February 2, 2012 / 1:00 p.m.

SCAG Imperial County Office

1405 N. Imperial Avenue, El Centro, CA 92243

*Will be available by videoconference from SCAG Main Office in Los Angeles

Orange County

Workshop: January 26, 2012 / 3:00 p.m.

Public Hearing following workshop / 5:00 p.m.

City of Anaheim, Council Chambers

200 S. Anaheim Boulevard

Anaheim, CA 92805

Workshop: February 6, 2012 / 3:00 p.m.

Brandman University

16355 Laguna Canyon Road

Irvine, CA 92618

Comments may be mailed to:

RTP Comments

Attn: Ms. Margaret Lin

Southern California Association of Governments
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Public input and comments regarding the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS and FTIP Amendment #11-24 may be used to facilitate changes to the Plan and FTIP Amendment #11-24 where appropriate. The 55-day public review and comment period of the Draft 2012-2035 RTP/SCS will conclude on February 14, 2012. For more information on the RTP/SCS and SCAG, please visit www.scag.ca.gov/rtp2012.

Draft Regional Housing Needs Assessment Allocation Plan Now Online

On December 9, the Regional Housing Needs Assessment Subcommittee (RHNA) recommended that the Draft RHNA Allocation Plan be reviewed and approved by the Community, Economic and Human Development Committee and Regional Council for distribution in February 2012. The Draft Plan is now available online and provides projected housing needs for local cities within the SCAG region. Once distributed, SCAG will begin the revision request and appeals processes.

The 2013-2021 RHNA Allocation Plan will allow communities to anticipate growth, so that collectively the region can grow in ways that enhance quality of life, improve access to jobs, promote transportation mobility, and address social equity and affordable housing needs. SCAG thanks all members of the public, stakeholders and partners who have participated in the process and invites you to continue your involvement. For more information on RHNA or to download the Draft RHNA Allocation Plan, please visit: www.scag.ca.gov/rhna.

The Transportation, Sustainability & Economic Recovery Summit Video Now on SCAG-TV

On December 1, SCAG hosted the Transportation, Sustainability & Economic Recovery Summit at the Wilshire Grand Hotel in downtown Los Angeles. Over 350 elected officials, business leaders and members of the non-profit community attended the day-long summit, which presented a variety of perspectives on how the 2012-2035 RTP/SCS would play a key role in helping revitalize the region. Tom Martinez, Executive Director of IBEW-NECA Management Labor Cooperation Committee commented, "What's important to labor is that all stakeholders work together to create jobs, jobs, jobs - and this regional plan will achieve that goal."

Video of the Summit is available for viewing on SCAG-TV at www.scag.ca.gov/scagtv.

Korean Delegation Visit



On December 13, SCAG welcomed members of a visiting delegation from Gyeongsangnam-do Province, the second largest regional government in Korea. The delegation of over 30 government officials visited SCAG to learn more about the role of metropolitan planning organizations, SCAG's plans and programs, as well as public participation. SCAG Program Manager Simon Choi led a presentation and discussion on SCAG's role and responsibilities in the Southern California region.

The visit follows an October 24 joint cooperative agreement between SCAG and the

Korean Metropolitan Transportation Authority to share knowledge and information between the two agencies. Korean MTA President Kyung Han Kim explained, "We are looking for examples in the U.S. of Metropolitan Planning Organizations so that the Korean legislature can see how such entities operate ... and how we can be a more effective organization." Established just three years ago, the Korean MTA currently employs 50 people and is working to implement a regional mass transit plan with officials from Seoul Metropolitan City, Incheon Metropolitan City and Gyeonggi-do, the most populated provincial state in Korea. The Korean MTA region covers 60 local governments and serves a population of more than 25 million.

"Here in Los Angeles, we have the largest number of Koreans living outside of Korea," said SCAG Executive Director Hasan Ikhata. "We have a special connection to this country and therefore we look forward to working with them to solve our toughest challenges."

Local Sustainability Matching Fund

In partnership with the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, the Funders' Network is pleased to announce the formation of the **Local Sustainability Matching Fund**. The Fund has been created with leadership support from four Network members: the Kendeda Fund, the New York Community Trust, the Summit Foundation, and the Surdna Foundation.

The purpose of the Local Sustainability Matching Fund is twofold: to catalyze partnerships between local government sustainability directors and local, place-based foundations, including community foundations, and to advance important community-based sustainability initiatives. The Fund will provide partnership investments between \$25,000 and \$75,000, with a 1:1 match required by one or more local foundation. The Network anticipates that the Fund will support up to ten partnership projects in the first year in two rounds in the spring and fall of 2012.

The application deadline for the first round is March 5th, and you may download the Request for Proposals [here](#). Applications must be submitted in MS Word and use the application Cover Sheet. The Network will host a conference call to provide more information on the fund and review the selection criteria. The call will be held on January 24th, at 2:00 p.m. Eastern, and you may register for the call by [clicking here](#). A selection committee comprised of foundation representatives and urban sustainability directors will make selection decisions on behalf of the matching fund, and awards will be announced on May 5, 2012. For more information on the Local Sustainability Matching Fund, please contact Ann Wallace at ann@fundersnetwork.org or 617-524-9239.

EVENTS

JANUARY

- 16th [Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday](#)
- 18th [Public Hearing: San Bernardino](#)
- 19th [Public Hearing: Ventura](#)
- 23rd [Public Hearing: Riverside](#)
- 25th [Public Hearing: Imperial](#)
- 26th [Public Hearing: Orange](#)

FEBRUARY

- 2nd [Regional Council & Policy Committee Meetings](#)
- 2nd [Public Hearing: Los Angeles](#)
- 3rd [UCLA 26th Annual Land Use Law & Planning Conference](#)
- 2nd-4th [11th Annual New Partners for Smart Growth Conference](#)
- 20th [Presidents' Day Holiday](#)

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